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Subject: National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)

Refs: A. Memo from Mr. Gilpatric, subj NRP, dated 17 Jan 1962

B. DCI Memo for File, 3 Jan 1962

C. Proposed Agreement dated 17 Mar 1962, "Management of the Natl Recon Program and 6 Sept 1961 Letter of Agreement.

We have reviewed the DOD proposal for the estab. of the NRO under a single director as contained in Ref A, together with proposed functions and responsibilities. Compared it with your views in Ref B -- does not accurately reflect them. Aside from the concept of a single boss, the DOD proposal contains little provision for an active Agency role in the conception, planning, development, targeting and operations of recon systems, and it assigns responsibility for technical management of all projects to the DOD/AF.